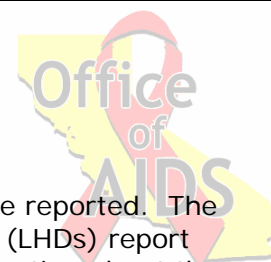


HIV REPORTING UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2006



California Law Requiring HIV Reporting by Name

On April 17, 2006, a new California law took effect, changing the way that HIV cases are reported. The new law requires that health care providers, laboratories, and local health departments (LHDs) report cases of HIV infection using patient names instead of coded identifiers. For more information about the new HIV reporting law, visit the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (CDHS/OA) Web site at www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS.

Monthly HIV/AIDS Statistics

On a monthly basis, OA disseminates summary statistics that describe the extent of California's HIV/AIDS epidemic. These routine surveillance reports are available on OA's Web site at www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics. Beginning in April 2006, the monthly HIV statistics published by OA reflect the number of HIV cases reported by name. For HIV statistics based on cases reported by non-name code, refer to surveillance reports published prior to April 2006, available on OA's Web site.

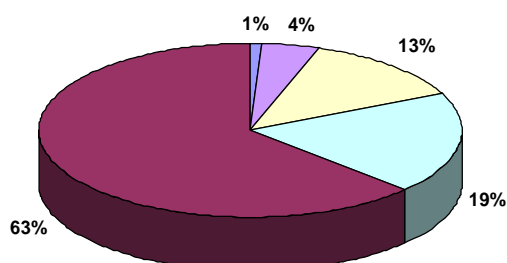
Statewide, a total of 2,798 HIV cases have been reported by name following the new reporting requirements. Two counties, Los Angeles and San Diego, account for nearly 75 percent of all cases reported. By the close of October 2006, four additional LHDs began to submit HIV case reports by name. Currently, 25 LHDs in California report name-based HIV cases.

Cumulative Name-Based HIV Cases Reported per Month, 2006

Reporting Month	Total Cases	Net Gain
May	0	
June	40	40
July	132	92
August	598	466
September	1,752	1,154
October	2,798	1,046

Source: CDHS/OA, monthly surveillance reports, www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics.

Percent of Total Name-Based HIV Cases Reported by LHD Groups



- 1 - 9 CASES REPORTED: AMADOR, COLUSA, NEVADA, SACRAMENTO, SANTA BARBARA, TUOLUMNE, PASADENA, TULARE
- 10 - 49 CASES REPORTED: BUTTE, MARIN, IMPERIAL, KERN, MADERA, FRESNO, STANISLAUS
- 50 - 99 CASES REPORTED: RIVERSIDE, SONOMA, SANTA CLARA, SAN JOAQUIN, SAN FRANCISCO
- 100 - 499 CASES REPORTED: SAN BERNARDINO, VENTURA, LONG BEACH
- >500 CASES REPORTED: SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES (EXCLUDES LONG BEACH AND PASADENA)

Collecting Race/Ethnicity on HIV/AIDS Cases

The most recent version of the Adult HIV/AIDS Case Report form (DHS 8641 A [6/06]) incorporates changes to the race and ethnicity sections under part III, Demographic Information. These changes allow for the collection of race/ethnicity information using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention required format. As a result, it is no longer necessary to complete the *HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report Form Addendum: Race/Ethnicity Categories* for every case. The latest case report form also contains an additional box for the collection of expanded race information. This field provides a detailed breakdown of the race/ethnicity categories. Because expanded race is a protected field in the HIV/AIDS Reporting System (HARS), accessing it requires a special keyboard command. To access the expanded race field, 'Exp. Race', from the HARS data entry screen (#2), move the cursor to the 'Ethnicity' field. Next, use the following keyboard command: from the 'Ethnicity' field, hold down the control key (Ctrl) and press the backward arrow (←). Once the cursor is located on the expanded race field, hold down the shift key and press the question mark key (?) to generate the internal HARS list of expanded race categories, and make the appropriate selection. For further assistance, contact your OA surveillance coordinator.